

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
TAXICAB COMMISSION
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**

**GRANTS FOR
COORDINATED ALTERNATIVE TO PARATRANSIT SERVICES
("CAPS-DC" CURRENTLY KNOWN AS "TRANSPORT DC")**

The Government of the District of Columbia, Taxicab Commission is soliciting applications from approved taxicab companies to provide, through the Coordinated Alternative to Paratransit Services ("TRANSPORT DC") pilot program, a cost-effective, high service quality MetroAccess paratransit service alternative to consenting MetroAccess clients. TRANSPORT DC stands to save District taxpayers as much as \$1.8 million a year while increasing the number of wheelchair accessible taxicabs in the D.C. fleet. Under TRANSPORT DC, DCTC approved taxicab companies will provide MetroAccess clients to and from District of Columbia locations. Transportation service will be provided by wheelchair accessible and non-accessible taxicabs, depending on the needs of the requesting client. Upon approval, participating taxicab companies must purchase a new wheelchair accessible vehicle after the completion of every 3000 trips. Those vehicles, subject to availability and service priority, can provide both TRANSPORT DC service including wheelchair accessible taxicab service, District-wide.

DCTC intends to make available \$1 million in funding, available no later November 30, 2015, for DCTC approved taxicab companies to provide transportation service for eligible MetroAccess clients.

The Request for Applications ("RFA") #TRANSPORT DC2015-11-002 release date will be Monday, November 2, 2015. The full text of the RFA will be available online at DCTC's website. It will also be available for pickup. A person may obtain a copy of this RFA by any of the following means:

Download by visiting the DCTC website, www.dctaxi.dc.gov.

Email a request to karl.muhammad2@dc.gov with "Request copy of RFA TRANSPORT DC2015-11-002" in the subject line.

In person by making an appointment to pick up a copy from the DCTC ADA office at 2235 Shannon Place, SE, Suite 2001, Washington, DC 20020 (call Karl Muhammad at (202) 645-4435 or 645-6018 and mention this RFA by name); or

Write DC Taxicab Commission, Office of Taxicabs at 2235 Shannon Place, SE Washington, DC 20020, "Attn: Request copy of RFA# TRANSPORT DC2015-11-002" on the outside of the letter.

The deadline for application submissions is November 23, at 3:00 p.m. Four hard copies must be submitted to the above address and a complete electronic copy must be submitted.

Eligibility: Only taxicab companies that are licensed by DCTC may participate in TRANSPORT DC and may apply for this opportunity.

Period of Awards: The TRANSPORT DC grant program performance period will begin on December 1, 2015 and end on 9/30/2016.

Available Funding: Approximately \$1,000,000 will be available for one or more awards. Award amounts will range from a minimum of \$100,000 up to a maximum of \$1,000,000. There may be more than one grant recipient. The amount is contingent on availability of funding and approval by the appropriate agencies.

For additional information regarding this RFA, please contact Karl Muhammad at karl.muhammad2@dc.gov or (202) 645-4435 or 645-6018.